

## Message Text

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R 201257Z APR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2042  
INFO AMCONSUL CAPETOWN  
AMEMBASSY DARESSALAAM  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SREF, BC  
SUBJECT: MEDIUM-SIZED MOBILE FIELD HOSPITAL

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

REF: STATE 089793

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S TIMELY INFORMATION ON MOBILE HOSPITAL (SEE REF) WHICH WAS PASSED ON TO BOTSWANA RED CROSS REP, GUIDA HUNTER. MRS. HUNTER CONCLUDED, HOWEVER, THAT UNIT WAS TOO LARGE AND TOO EXPENSIVE FOR CONSIDERATION BY HER ORGANIZATION. MOREOVER, SHE SAID SHE HAS NO DONORS FOR THE PROJECT.

2. CONCERNING REFTTEL QUESTIONS, FOLLOWING ANSWERS PROVIDED FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE REFERENCE. BOTSWANA CIVIL AVIATION  
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DIRECTOR DIPPER INFORMS US THAT C-130 MAY LAND ONLY AT FRANCISTOWN AIRPORT. BECAUSE OF SHORT RUNWAY, HOWEVER, PLANE MUST BE EMPTY. NEVERTHELESS, ONCE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FRANCISTOWN STRIP IS COMPLETED IN MID-NOVEMBER 1978, THE RUNWAY WILL HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO BETWEEN 2,200 AND 2,400 METERS TO ACCOMMODATE PLANES WITH A LOAD CLASSIFICATION NUMBER OF UP TO 40. THIS

CLASSIFICATION WOULD INCLUDE LOADED C-130, BOEING 737  
AND HERCULES AIRCRAFT. ACCORDING TO DIPPER, THE GABORONE  
AIRPORT HAS A LOAD CLASSIFICATION NUMBER OF ONLY 20 AND  
CANNOT ACCOMMODATE C-130'S.

3. RE PARA 8 REFTTEL, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT BARRING  
UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS LIKELY THAT FLIGHT  
CLEARANCES WOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM SOUTH AFRICA IF  
CARGO HAD TO BE TRANSSHIPPED INTO SHORT-TAKEOFF AIR-  
CRAFT.  
NORLAND

NOTE BY OC/T: TELEGRAM DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION.

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